



### VOLUNTEER CONSENT MONITORS

*After a 2 day training, 12 Volunteer Consent Monitors were sworn in by Judge Stanton on February 16, 2017*

*Many thanks and congratulations to the following volunteers:*

***Sue Schmidt, Donna Burnside, Jane Fochtman, Susan Bender, Lori Metcalf, Mary Jo Zazueta, Kathy Ann Blunck, Mark Mueller, Karen Simpson, Cynthia Johnson, Nancy Bryant and Matt Service.***

*The **consent calendar** is a diversion from the formal probation process. If it appears to the court that a juvenile engaged in conduct that would otherwise result in formal probation, the court may issue a written **consent calendar case plan**, in lieu of placing the youth on formal probation. A Volunteer Consent Monitor's (VCM) job is to assist youth in successfully completing his/her terms of the **case plan**.*

*Many thanks to training facilitators for their time and expertise; Ref. **Kirsten Keilitz**, Judicial Assistant **Kristyn Brendel**, Senior Probation Officer, **Cheryl Goodwin**, Program Manager **Jennifer Weber** and the **Honorable Melanie D. Stanton**.*

# *National Volunteer Appreciation Week*

## *April 23-29, 2017*

**“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”**

Author unknown

**In appreciation for your service, a free movie event is taking place  
at the State Theatre, Sunday April 23rd at 12:00pm.**

(watch your email for a registration link, to reserve a spot for you and a guest to the movie)

**This year’s movie will be the academy award winning,**

***“Hidden Figures”***

“Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three, female, African-American, mathematicians, known as "human computers", we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit.”

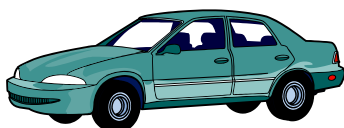


***Thank You***

### **RDSS Training**

Regional Detention Support Services (RDSS) is in the process of scheduling a training for 2017. This training will be available to all transporters who have yet to become RDSS trained, or for any person interested in becoming a transporter.

If this training interests you, please call the office at 922-4827 to register. Date and time will be announced at a later date.



### **March and April Birthdays**

Wanda Anstine	Kathy Ann Blunck
Kara Dirlam	Parker Fields
Heide McNichols	Sharon Herron
Mark Mueller	Carolyn Klender
Brittany	Susan Kraus
Musselman	Susan Nanasi
Pamela Petajan	Art Nickerson
Joan Post-Brown	Lisa Niergarth
Geoffrey Reddy	Victor Rioux
Beverly Saur	Matt Torres
Darci Schlitt	Mary Jo Zazueta
	Judy Zrimec



**Reminder: No March Meeting.  
Next Meeting, April 4th**

After School and Day Learners

We will be still in need of on-call volunteer support for daytime students and after school students as our program continues to take shape. The end of the first semester will highlight academic concerns for many court-involved students. If you can help high school students after school (4:00-5:00 p.m.) or during the school day (any amount of time from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), please let us know! All meetings will take place in our Volunteer Service Offices. We will still have limited opportunities for traditional Learning Partners as in-school volunteer roles for elementary-aged students, as well.

Thank you to all who have signed up!



**Reminder: March 21st meeting, and  
NO meeting in April**

Thank you to Lt. Dan King, of the MSP for his informative presentation on the serious drug issues we have in Grand Traverse County and the surrounding area. Your expertise and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

CASA Training 2017, is fast approaching. Classes are set to begin on Tuesday, April 11th. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a CASA, please have them contact the office at 922-4827 to set up their pre-training interview. As always, current CASA's are welcome to attend any training classes for a re-fresh.

**CASA TRAINING**

**April 11, 2017—May 11, 2017**

4/11-Volunteer Manual —*Lindsey Jordan*

4/13-Introducing the Law—*ReAnn Gorton & Brett Baird*

4/18-Cultural Awareness—*Lindsey Jordan*

4/20-Understanding Families, Trauma Informed Approach—*TBA*

4/25-Understanding Families, Substance Abuse—*TBA*

4/27-Understanding Children—*Dr. Nancy Giles*

5/2-Working with DHHS—*Megan Heethuis & Katie Benjamin*

5/4-Communication—*Barb Cross, Maple Clinic*

5/10-Reporting & Monitoring—*Lindsey Jordan*

5/11-Gathering Information, Appearing & Testifying in Court—*Amanda Steele, PAO & Janet Kronk, Family Court.* —Pulling it All Together—*Lindsey Jordan*





**VOLUNTEERS IN  
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE

280 Washington St., Suite B 150, Traverse City, MI 49684

231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

### **Learning Partners**

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

**Tuesday, Mar. 6th, 2017** (no meeting)

**Tuesday, April 4th, 2017**



### **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

**Tuesday, April 18th, 2017**  
(no meeting)



Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

\*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.